

The Long Island Language Advocates Coalition 6th Annual Conference

Long Island University, June 14, 2019

Call for Presentation and Workshop Proposals

The Long Island Advocates Coalition (LILAC) is proud to announce its 6th annual conference, “Building Inclusive Communities through Language Access,” which will be held at LIU-Post on May 29, 2019. In an increasingly threatening political climate, which seeks to marginalize immigrants and others, we are calling people together to discuss challenges being faced and strategies being used to protect the civil rights of our neighbors and create communities which are welcoming and inclusive.

LILAC is a broad-based coalition of Long Island advocates working to improve the delivery of services to people for whom English is a second language as well as for those who may need language access due to a disability. We regard language access as a basic human right which is vital to navigating all aspects of everyday life from healthcare, employment and law enforcement, to education, housing, nutrition assistance and immigration.

Conference attendees will include affected community members, direct service providers, educators, policy makers, advocates, organizers and other concerned individuals and organizations.

Possible Presentation Topics

Do you have innovative practice, cutting edge resources, experiences or unique advocacy techniques to share? Please feel free to submit your proposal, whether similar to those listed below, or something else entirely. We encourage you to include legal requirements as well as the lived experiences of those in need of language access in your presentation.

- Language Access and Schools
- Language Access in Health Care
- Navigating agencies such as Department of Social Services, Social Security, etc.
- Domestic Violence
- Law Enforcement
- People of Color: Language barriers compounded by Racism
- Voting Rights
- Immigration Challenges
- Languages of Lesser Diffusion
- Improving Language Access in your Organization
- Best practices in working with interpreters
- Innovations in Language Access
- Addressing communication needs of people with disabilities
- Access to Benefits: Addressing fears related to public charge
- Consumer and housing protections
- Strategies for supporting our Community

Submission Guidelines

All Proposals should include the following completed on the Submission Cover Sheet attached below:

- Your name, title, organization and its mission
- Your email and phone number
- Topic, outline, and name of workshop/session
 - Clearly stated goals of presentation
 - Any pertinent research or boots-on-the-ground experience
- Audio visual needs
- Will you provide any take home materials for audience?

Proposals are due by April 20, 2019

Submit proposals to: ckeshner@empirejustice.org

Proposals will be approved and invitations issued no later than May 1, 2019

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Proposal Submission Cover Sheet

Presenter's Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Organization Mission: _____

Your email: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Name of Workshop/Session: _____

Topic: _____

Outline: _____

Clearly stated goals of presentation: _____

Any pertinent research or boots-on-the-ground experience: _____

Audio / Visual needs: _____

Will you provide any take-home materials for audience? Yes: _____ **No:** _____